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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, TW

SUBJECT: AMERICAN JOURNALIST DENIED ENTRY TO TAIWAN

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1. CHARGE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE CASE OF CBS NEWSMAN MIKE CHINOY IN COURSE OF LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 3 WITH VICE MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRED CHIEN. LATTER SAID HE HAD "ISSUED THREE DIRECTIVES" WHICH HE HOPED WOULD GO FAR TO SETTLE THE MATTER. THSE CALLED FOR: (1) REVIEWING THE CHINOY CASE TO DETERMINE IF THE BLACKLISTING WAS JUSTIFIED; (2) ENSURING THAT AIRPORT OFFICIALS PERMIT AND ASSIST ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN AT ANY TIME TO USE A PUBLIC TELEPHONE AT THE AIRPORT TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY; AND (3) REQUIRING IMMIGRATION TO ADMIT ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO HOLDS A VALID ROC VISA EVEN IF HIS NAME APPEARS ON THE ROC'S BLACKLIST, INFORMING HIM ONLY UPON DEPARTURE THAT HE IS NO LONGER WELCOME IN THE ROC AND HIS VISA IS BEING CANCELED.

2. THAT THE WORD HAS FILTERED DOWN TO WORKING LEVELS APPEARS CLEAR FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE ACTING COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS. FORMER WAS TOLD BY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
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AIRPORT OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION ON SEPTEMBER 1 THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPEATS OF CHINOY CASE AS ANY AMERICAN WHO WISHED TO CALL THE EMBASSY WOULD BE ESCORTED TO A PUBLIC TELEPHONE IN THE TRANSIT LOUNGE AND THAT FOR GREATER CONVENIENCE A PAY PHONE WOULD BE INSTALLED IN THE IMMIGRATION HALL AT THE AIRPORT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN RECENT DAYS ALSO, BOTH THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL POLICE

ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE
IMMIGRATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ALIEN REGISTRATION HAVE
RAISED THE MIKE CHINOY CASE WITH THE ACTING COUNSELOR
FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS INDICATING THAT REMEDIAL ACTION
IS IN TRAIN.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THIS SOLVES THE
CONSULAR ACCESS PROBLEM BUT LESS SURE THAT THE SECURITY BOYS
WILL FEEL OBLIGED TO ADMIT A VALID-VISA HOLDER WHO ALSO APPEARS
ON THE BLACK LIST. WE'LL FIND OUT THE ANSWER THE NEXT TIME THE
SYSTEM IS TESTED.
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